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REVIEWERS' COMMENTS:

Reviewer #1 (Remarks to the Author):

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I am reviewer #2 for the first version of this manuscript (submitted to Nature Nanotechnology). I continue to hold my view that this work is novel (structurally rigid DNA nanopore, detergent-free insertion to GUVs, and DNA translocation), thorough (well documented statistics and analyses), and potentially impactful (applications in cell-size reactor). All my previous concerns have been adequately addressed. Overall, I feel this revised manuscript is ready to publish in Nature Communications. I have only one request: could the authors PLEASE include cross-section views with helix numbers together with the caDNAno designs in SI for the benefit of non-specialists?

Reviewer #3 (Remarks to the Author):

The manuscript by Simmel et al. is a resubmission of a revised manuscript. After reading the comments, responses and manuscript, I am convinced that the manuscript is suitable for publication. The responses are clearly laid out and address the concerns of the referees.

As a note, the authors describe in the manuscript that other mechanisms of additional current rather than through the pore cannot be ruled out. In this respect, the authors need to discuss a recent paper by Stulz, Aksimentiev and Keyser (Nano Lett 2016) and add some comments on the findings on current formation alongside simple DNA pores; this is important in view of this paper's mentioning that leakage along the sidewalls of the pore structure could be significant.

Reply to the reviewer's comments:

We thank all reviewers for their very positive assessment of our revised manuscript.

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Reply:

We included the suggestion adding a comment on unsuccessful PEG-sizing in the Supplementary Information (page 26)

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Reply:

We included the cross-section views as requested for the three origami pore designs in the Supplementary Information (page 19, 20, 21)

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Reply:

We cite the paper and discuss it in the Main text (page 5) and Supplementary Information (page 29).